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## **State Street Mile 2020 Goes Virtual**

Event proceeds go to the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Crime Victim Emergency Fund

SANTA BARBARA, CA – Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the **State Street Mile** will celebrate its 21st running as a virtual race from Wednesday, June 10 to Sunday, June 21. Known as the "Fastest, Funnest Mile in the West," the annual community pre-summer tradition benefits the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Victim-Witness Assistance Program's **Crime Victim Emergency Fund**.

"Due to COVID-19, we made the necessary decision to cancel the State Street Mile as an onsite event this year, but like thousands of road races across the country, our 2020 event will be a virtual one. We encourage every person, family and dog who runs, jogs or walks to participate in their safe virtual State Street Mile, an opportunity to have fun and get outside," said race director **Megan Rheinschild**, "Now more than ever, victims of crime desperately need financial assistance."

"In these stressful times," said District Attorney **Joyce Dudley**, "when people are isolated and without social support, the risk of abuse is elevated, as is our need to experience the joys of health, exercise and freedom. Like past editions, this year's event will raise funds for our Crime Victim Emergency Fund to support our most vulnerable neighbors."

The fee will be \$15 for the Ranked Mile or Dog Mile per person or \$5 Family Mile per person, and online registration for the virtual State Street Mile 2020 will open on Wednesday, June 10 at: <a href="https://www.sbmile.com/register">www.sbmile.com/register</a>

## **About the State Street Mile**

The annual State Street Mile, featuring a gradual downhill, point-to-point course, benefits the Santa Barbara District Attorney's Crime Victim Emergency Fund. The 21st edition is a Bring Back the Mile Featured Event, showcasing the best Mile races in America and throughout the year. For more information, go to: www.sbmile.com

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